

What All Drivers Should Know

Prepared By The Department of Motor Vehicles
 DIRECTIONS: These questions are Official and are the same which are asked when you apply for your Driver's License. Test your knowledge by marking yes or no in the space at the end of the line. Correct answers printed below.

1. Must your headlights be strong enough so you can see a safe distance ahead and still not glare in the eyes of other drivers?.....
2. When driving down a steep hill should you coast in neutral to save gas?.....
3. Besides proper lights and brakes, must your car have a windshield wiper in good working order?.....
4. If you are going to turn left should you move over close to the center line after first making sure it is safe to do so?.....
5. On a three-lane highway (three lanes only from curb to curb) should you use the middle lane to pass another car?.....
6. Does a pedestrian who legally starts across the street have the right-of-way even if the light changes before he gets across?.....

- Answers
1. Yes. Your headlights should render clearly discernable, any person or vehicle on the highway at a distance of 200 feet, and the depressed beam of "dimmers" should be used when approaching an oncoming vehicle.
 2. No. Coasting down grade in neutral gear is prohibited. (Sec. 598 V. C.)
 3. Yes, if your car is equipped with a windshield. (Sec. 676 (c) V. C.)
 4. Yes. Approach for a left turn should be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the center line. (Sec. 640 (b) V. C.)
 5. Yes. The middle lane may also be used in your approach for a left turn. (Sec. 526 (b) V. C.)
 6. Yes. (Sec. 476 (a)-1. V. C.)

Botulism From Canned Foods Is Discussed

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The danger of botulinus toxin being in food comes mainly from four angles. First, ordinary cooking at a boiling temperature is not enough to kill the spores of botulinus germs. Second, if the food is sealed in air-tight cans, the spores can germinate; and the germs can multiply and produce toxin, because they grow in the absence of oxygen. Third, canned goods are seldom kept in a refrigerator; and ordinary room temperature is warm enough to favor the growth of the germs. Fourth, most vegetables are not acid by nature, and some fruits are not. Acids hinder the growth of botulinus germs.

If a can is bulged, it is definitely suspicious. If the contents have a bad odor, that is another danger sign. If the pieces of food in the top part of the can look broken or have an unnatural color, there may be danger.

One of our housewives threw some bad smelling greens to the chickens and after eating them, they developed "Limber neck," the form of botulism when it affects fowls.

It is best to burn or bury all suspicious home-canned food. If you try to save it, do not taste it before heating. One small taste of toxin-containing food has caused death. The heating should be thorough and through at a boiling temperature for 15 minutes. That much heating will destroy botulinus toxin and render the food safe to eat.

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